

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024
10:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

Psalm 16

CALL TO WORSHIP Carrie Mills

Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge.
Nothing good comes to us apart from you.
You show us the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy.
In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

This text is adapted from The Beatitudes as found in Matthew 5:3-11.

***HYMN 172** (vv. 1-4) *Blest Are They* BLEST ARE THEY

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

3 Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. (Refrain)

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,
you see into each of us and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care.
Forgive us when we ignore your call to follow.
Forgive us when our fears overwhelm our faith.
Renew our spirits with your Spirit
so that we might serve you with joy.

(a moment for silent reflection)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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***SONG OF JOY** *Your Grace is Enough* Matt Maher

Verse 1
Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus
So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus 1
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Chorus 2
Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough,
I'm covered in Your love,
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Somebody's Calling My Name* Spiritual/arr. Ferguson
(The Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 1:9-20
2 Corinthians 1:17b-22

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Yes and No* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *God of This City* *Chris Tomlin*

Verse 1
You're the God of this city,
You're the King of these people.
You're the Lord of this nation.
You are.

You're the light in this darkness,
You're the hope to the hopeless,
You're the peace to the restless,
You are.

Pre-Chorus
There is no one like our God. (2 times)

Chorus 1
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done
In this city.

Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done here. *(continued next page)*

Verse 2
You're the Lord of creation,
The Creator of all things,
You're the King above all kings,
You are.

You're the strength in the weakness,
You're the love to the broken,
You're the joy in the sadness,
You are.

Pre-Chorus
There is no one like our God. (2 times)

Chorus 2
Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done
In this city. (3 times)

Greater things have yet to come,
And greater things have still to be done here.

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (PRAISE GOD) Hopson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 69** (vv. 1 & 3) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Your Grace is Enough* Steven Phillips and The Band

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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